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This letter is in response to the order returning undocketed appeal to the Examiner mailed on 5/26/09. The order stated that the Examiner must consider the paper entitled "Response to Notification of Non-compliant Appeal Brief" filed on 3/26/07. However, the Examiner wishes to state that the "Response to Notification of Non-compliant Appeal Brief" was considered at the time the Examiner's Answer was written. This is evidenced by paragraph 5 of the Examiner's Answer and that the Examiner's Answer was not written until after the "Response to the Notification of Non-compliant Appeal Brief" was filed. The 3/26/07 amendment was deemed to satisfy the requirements of the "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" section of the brief listed in the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief sent out on 3/16/07.

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